

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020, 7 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, William Schuyler, Vice Chair, James Lewis, Jason Osborne, Annie Ebbers, Ann Tucker, Lavonda Bonnard and Casey Kane

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineering IV, Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineering II, Vicky Caudullo, Urban Planner II, and Christine Mayeur, Principal Planner.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
2. Approval of the November 16, 2020 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:**
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4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Mr. Blatt and Ms. Tomai raised concerns about cut-through traffic on Cedar Street. Mr. Lawhorne thanked the Board and staff for adding green time to the Russell Road approach to King Street.

BOARD ACTION:

Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker, asking staff to bring a request for No Left Turn restrictions on Cedar Street at Russell Road to the Board for review at the February Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING FOLLOW-UP:** None

CONSENT ITEMS

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove up to three, 2-hour, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday – Saturday, parking spaces on the west side of the 900 block of North Pitt Street.

DISCUSSION: The Board expressed concern that because the topic had been deferred

and the City was asked to take additional action, the topic should have come back to the Board as a regular item and not as a Consent item. This would allow Board members who had concerns the opportunity to ask questions about how the issues leading to deferral were addressed.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about these items.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to approve the Consent item. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to make congestion mitigation changes to the intersection of King Street, Callahan Drive, and Russell Road

DISCUSSION: Ms. Mayeur presented this item to the Board. The Board inquired if additional safety improvements could be incorporated into this project, such as, Leading Pedestrian Intervals and addressing the eastbound King Street right turn onto Callahan Drive. The Board thanked staff for incorporating both pedestrian and traffic flow improvements into this project.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Hartt, Mr. Krall, Mr. DesJardins and Mr. Lawhorne spoke in favor of the project, stressing the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to recommend:

1. To the Director of T&ES to eliminate right turns from southbound Russell Road onto westbound King Street.
2. To the City Council to change the operation of the access road and entrance to the George Washington Memorial Masonic Temple (Masonic Temple) from King Street from two-way to one-way southbound. The motion carried unanimously.

8. STAFF UPDATES:

Mr. Kane provided a Transportation Commission update.